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## TODAY

### Calendar

#### '9500 Liberty'

Social Workers Enriching Latin Leadership (SWELL) and Social Justice Action Coalition (SJAC) present a film on Immigration at the School of Social Work (SSW) Utopia Theatre at 6 p.m.

#### 'Austinato'

UT Early Music Ensemble presents "An Intermixed Intermezzo" at the Butler School of Music Recital Studio (MRH 2.608) at 7:30 p.m.

#### 'Inside I'm Dancing'

Also released under the title "Rory O'Shea Was Here", an Irish Film directed by Damien O'Donnel will be screened in the Mezes Basement at 6:30 p.m.

#### 'The Legacy of Chano Pozo'

A documentary on the life of Cuban conguero, will be screened in the Art Building 1.110 at 7 p.m.

#### 'The Pain and the Itch'

A satire of the politics of class and race will be shown in the Laboratory Theatre Building at 8 p.m.

#### Citizen Cope

Cactus Cafe presents a solo acoustic performance by Citizen Cope at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30.

### Today in history

#### In 1981

Xerox PARC introduces the computer mouse.

### Campus Watch

#### Breaking news

**Parking Lot 103, 2100 Comal**  
A UT Police Officer discovered two vehicles with broken windows. As the officer approached the second vehicle, he quickly realized it was still occupied with the suspect hiding in the back seat. The suspect refused to comply with the officer's requests and was pepper sprayed, who quickly decided to flee. After a short jaunt the suspect was taken into custody.



### Quote to note

"We knew we would win it, we just had to string together some hits, and we did it in the last inning."

— **Nadia Taylor**  
UT softball player

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Shannon Kintner | Daily Texan Staff

Louis Herrera, owner of Herrera's Ornamental Iron Works, forges a tool after heating the metal strip in a hot bed of coals. Herrera, like his father, has worked with his hands creating ironwork for much of his life.

## FAMILY TRADE

### INSIDE:

Read about Herrera's Ornamental Iron Works and its owner Louis

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## Powers' email backs research, teaching in face of budget cuts

By Audrey White  
Daily Texan Staff

President William Powers Jr. took his most public and detailed stance yet in favor of innovation and research at the University in an email Tuesday.

As budget cuts increase the demand to improve efficiency and productivity, the University must stay true to its core values, Powers said.

"While we introduce change — as one of the world's great research universities — we must be steadfast in our commitment to teaching and research," Powers said in the letter.

According to the letter, Powers is working with other four-year schools and community colleges "to explore ways we can help improve the success of all our students." The schools, including Texas Tech University, Alamo Community College, UT-Brownsville and UT-El Paso, are working in partnership with Carnegie Mellon University's Open Learning

Initiative, an online education development innovation. Harrison Keller, UT's vice provost for higher education policy and research, wrote in a recent paper on the topic. The institutions and three foundations involved, including the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, are funding the project.

"Our working hypothesis is that the majority of students at all these institutions can reach similar levels of proficiency if the redesigned courses are structured to allow variability in time and levels of support without compromising course quality," Keller wrote.

Powers said Tuesday's letter would be the first in a series of communications about higher education changes, budgeting and the Open Learning Initiative. Those communications will come in the form of emails and updates to Powers' blog, Tower Talk, said Geoff Leavenworth, the president's special assistant.

Powers noted goals, including

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Ryan Smith | Daily Texan Staff

Austin Councilwoman Randi Shade speaks about what her top priorities would be if she were re-elected. The forum was put on by the North Austin Coalition of Neighborhoods and gave Austin residents a chance to hear from their prospective candidates.

## Voters question city candidates on police, traffic during forum

By Jake Hong  
Daily Texan Staff

With less than a month before the May 14 City Council elections, voters got an opportunity to hear from the candidates at a public forum Tuesday.

The North Austin Coalition of Neighborhoods hosted a forum where nearly 80 Austin residents heard how the candidates' platforms addressed public concerns, ranging from the city budget to mass transit. The

community asked the three incumbents and six candidates about their top two priorities and their proposed solutions to crime, public transit and the city budget.

Place 1 council member Chris Riley proposed the addition of toll roads and additional transit service to MoPac Expressway to ease traffic congestion.

"There will be additional toll lanes on each side," Riley said. "One thing that's going to be exciting is that there will be bus-

ses available for transit. So now, when traffic is sitting there in gridlock on MoPac, you can have the option of getting into a bus that will be bringing you to downtown."

Riley's opponent Josiah Ingalls said toll roads are not in the public's best interest.

"[Toll roads] are basically setting two classes of citizens: those who can afford toll roads and those who can't,"

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### TODAY'S TIP: Slow the Flow!

Do you really need a 20 minute shower or need to run the faucet while shaving, brushing your teeth or doing the dishes? Saving water in Texas is a big priority, do what you can to slow your flow, and help us do the same by reporting indoor water leaks on campus to 471-6188.

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TOMORROW'S WEATHER

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Bobby was not here so nothing funny happened. Sorry.



Views on God change cheating, study says

By William James  
Daily Texan Staff

Students who believe God is mean and punishing are more likely to keep their eyes on their own paper, according to new studies from the University of Oregon and the University of British Columbia.

Oregon psychology researcher Azim Shariff and Ara Norenzayan, a British Columbia psychology associate professor, recently published new research which said college students are more likely to cheat if they believe in a caring, forgiving God and are less likely to cheat if they believe in a mean and punishing God.

They discovered the findings in two experiments. In the first, 61 undergraduate students from University of British Columbia took a computerized math test where they had a simple opportunity to cheat because of a supposed glitch. They were then asked to identify their religious affiliation and to de-

scribe their God's traits, which included loving, caring and forgiving or vengeful, angry and punitive.

The second study involved 39 undergraduate students who were surveyed about their God's traits several days before they took the math test. According to a press release, the second study was de-

“Taken together, our findings demonstrate religious beliefs do have an effect on behavior, but what matters more than whether you believe in a god is what kind of god you believe in,” Shariff said in a press release. “Believing in a mean God, a punishing one, does contribute to cheating be-

dle Eastern Studies senior lecturer, said there are many reasons students cheat on exams. The study results show only a correlation, and thus should not be interpreted as cause and effect, she said.

“Cultural background has more of an effect on whether a student cheats or not. Muslim students from the Middle East help each other cheat, and it is not as frowned upon,” Schulte-Nafah said.

Bevida Borja, a member of the Catholic Student Association and sophomore nursing student, said the study could also be skewed because so many Christians in the United States are lapsed Catholics who do not live up to the same moral standards devout Catholics do.

“A part of Catholicism is reconciliation, but people who aren't as deeply rooted in their faith may see that as a free pass to do whatever they want,” she said. “That is not the core of Catholicism.”

“Believing in a mean God, a punishing one, does contribute to cheating behavior.”

—Azim Shariff, Oregon psychology researcher

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signed to remove other potential variables, such as personality and general religious affiliation.

The data showed no differences in cheating between believers in a merciful God and non-believers.

havior. Believing in a loving, forgiving God seems to have an opposite effect.”

Martha Schulte-Nafah, academic adviser of the Ismaili Muslim Students Association and Mid-

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water and energy conservation, a successful ESPN Longhorn Network and redesigning the natural sciences curricula, that could assuage funding woes and improve academic life at the University.

The state is currently facing an estimated \$15 billion to \$27 billion budget deficit, and higher education funding is at risk. State lawmakers have proposed more than \$50 million in cuts to UT's budget.

Student Government Presi-

dent Natalie Butler said Powers' letter makes a bold statement to the University community, state leaders and the board about his commitment to excellence — a commitment Butler said she believes most students share.

“The Board of Regents keeps saying we need to be productive and innovative, but we are, and we still maintain excellence,” Butler said. “We may not be innovating a \$10,000 degree, but we are becoming more efficient and

better at what we're supposed to be doing.”

SG, Senate of College Councils and the Graduate Student Assembly are working together to educate the students about potential changes to higher education and ways to protect the University's interests, Butler said.

“We're working on branding this issue to the student body and getting more and more students involved,” she said.

QUOTES TO NOTE

In Powers' letter, he says a public research university of the 21st century must:

- \* Engage in solving major global problems, expanding knowledge, and improving lives throughout society
- \* Offer the highest-quality undergraduate education, graduate programs and research to prepare the next generation of leaders who will change the world
- \* Exploit the opportunities that new technology creates in learning and educational research

Source: President Powers' email

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other sites as a possible location for the studio but said any locations mentioned at this point are speculation. In any case, he said, the Communications Center Building space intended for the network can be put to good use.

“I’ve recommended to the provost that we create three mid-size lecture halls,” Hart said. “We desperately need more lecture facilities, particularly on the north side of campus.”

Hart said the communication school lacked the funds to add a desired sixth floor to the Belo Center for New Media, which will be completed in 2012. The building at Whitis Avenue and Dean Keeton Street will include a multimedia newsroom, an agency-grade creative room and a 75-seat briefing room. The extra space in the CMB can function as a way to make up for no sixth floor in the new building, Hart said.

Although the studio will no longer be in the building, Hart said he imagines the Longhorn Sports Network will still be a valuable resource for students interested gaining experience in a professional TV studio.

“It would certainly have been more convenient for our students [on-campus], but if they have to go to Concordia, it’s not too far,” Hart said.

Hart said students at UT already intern all over the city of Austin.

Bert Herigstad, a radio-television-film administrative associate, said he found out the CMB would not house the station about two weeks ago, but he declined to comment on how the space would be used because it is still in discussion.

ESPN spokeswoman Keri Potts said officials are still choosing the space that will best suit their needs, but they plan to offer internships regardless of its location.

Potts could not to comment on any specific locations the network was or was not considering.

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Ingalls said. “I feel that we can solve our problems with transportation by working hard on both I-35 and MoPac.”

Ingalls advocated for more financial transparency and accountability for the managing the city budget. He said Austin is spending more money than is necessary and without the public's approval, noting the estimated \$12 million in a slush fund for luxuries.

Ingalls said money could go to other expenses such as health and human services.

Eric Rangel, a place 4 candidate running against incumbent Laura Morrison, said the city needs to make wise investment decisions.

“We need to have somebody up there who is going to say ‘no,’ someone who is going to ‘sorry, we just can’t do that now,’ it’s tough times,” Rangel said.

The candidates unanimously called for more responsible organization of police services, which calls for more efficient allocation of manpower.

“I am a big proponent of making sure that police officers live in the cities that they patrol,” Rangel said. “We need to work with legislation so that police officers have to live in the cities they patrol.”

Rangel said when police live in the same areas they patrol, it discourages crime.

Morrison pushed for the creation of neighborhood watch programs to reduce local crime.

“In terms of crime, it would be lovely if we had a silver bullet that could solve crime in a simple way but obviously that’s not possible,” Morrison said.

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# Crackdowns in Syria kill hundreds

By Bassem Mroue  
The Associated Press

BEIRUT — Gunfire reverberated Tuesday in the southern Syrian city of Daraa where the dead still lay unclaimed in the streets a day after a brutal government crackdown on the popular revolt against President Bashar Assad, residents said.

A Syrian human rights group said authorities detained dozens across the country, mainly in several Damascus suburbs and in the northern coastal city of Jableh.

The Syrian army, backed by tanks and snipers, launched a deadly raid before dawn Monday on Daraa, where the uprising in Syria started more than a month ago. At least 11 people were killed in the southern city.

A relentless crackdown since mid-March has killed more than 400 people across Syria, with 120 dead over the weekend, rights groups said. That has only emboldened protesters who started their revolt — inspired by uprisings in the Arab world — with calls for modest reforms but are now increasingly demanding Assad's downfall.

The White House has stepped up its condemnation of Assad's regime, but stopped well short of demanding his ouster. U.S. officials said Washington has begun drawing up targeted sanctions against him, his family and his inner circle to boost pressure on them to halt the repression.

Washington was conferring with European countries and the United Nations about options.

British Foreign Secretary William Hague said Britain also was working with other members of the U.N. Security Council "to send a strong signal to the Syrian authorities that the eyes of the international community are on Syria."

The United States told all its non-essential staff and the families of all its embassy workers to leave the country, but kept the facility open for limited services. It also advised



A protester beats a poster of President Bashar Assad with a shoe, as he attends protest against the ongoing violence, in front of the embassy in Cairo on Tuesday.

all Americans to defer travel to Syria and advised those already in the country to leave. On Sunday, Britain urged its citizens to leave Syria.

Turkish Prime Minister Recep

tory for Human Rights, Rami Abdul-Rahman, who provided the death toll of more than 400 people since the uprising began last month, said that figure did not include those

ties cut telephone service in the city. A Daraa resident told The Associated Press on Tuesday "dead bodies were still in the streets because no one has been able to remove them."

"We are being subjected to a massacre," the man screamed over the telephone as gunfire crackled in the background. "Children are being killed. We have been without electricity for three days. We have no water."

The man said Syrian special forces were in the streets of the impoverished city near the border with Jordan. Tanks had opened fire in the city, he added.

Syria has banned nearly all foreign media and restricted access to trouble spots since the uprising began, making it almost impossible to verify the dramatic events shaking one of the most authoritarian, anti-Western regimes in the Arab world.

*We are being subjected to a massacre.*  
— Unnamed resident of Daraa

Tayyip Erdogan called Assad and urged him to show "restraint." Turkey's ambassador met Syrian Prime Minister Adel Safar to express "deep concern and sorrow" over the many lives lost, the prime minister's office and the Turkish media reported.

The head of the Syrian Observa-

tion killed in the raids on Daraa and Douma, a Damascus suburb. It also did not include the number of Syrian troops killed, he added.

Abdul-Rahman couldn't provide a precise figure for those arrested Tuesday because it was difficult to get through to Daraa after authori-

# Tornado-destroyed town sees numerous survivors

By Andrew DeMillo  
& Nomaan Merchant  
The Associated Press

VILONIA, Ark. — A tornado tore up a small central Arkansas town, killing four people and leaving the governor wondering Tuesday how so many others managed to survive. The night of brutal storms killed at least nine people in the state, and more harsh weather was forecast.

The tornado smashed through the heart of Vilonia, just north of Little Rock, on Monday night, ripping the roof off the grocery store, flattening homes, tossing vehicles into the air and twisting one tractor-trailer like a wrung dish rag.

Four people died in less-than-sturdy structures in the Black Oak Subdivision of Vilonia. Two were a couple from Greenbrier, David and Katherine Talley, who sought shelter in a detached trailer from a big-rig truck. Faulkner County spokes-

man Stephan Hawks said the Tall-eyes climbed into the trailer rather than endure the storm in their car. The trailer was blown into a pond, where their bodies were found.

Another victim was Charles Mitchell, 55, who died in his mobile home. A 63-year-old man who lived in another mobile home also died, and Hawks said his name would be released after relatives are notified.

Gov. Mike Beebe toured the rural community of 3,800 with emergency officials Tuesday morning and talked with storm survivors as they cleared debris from their homes.

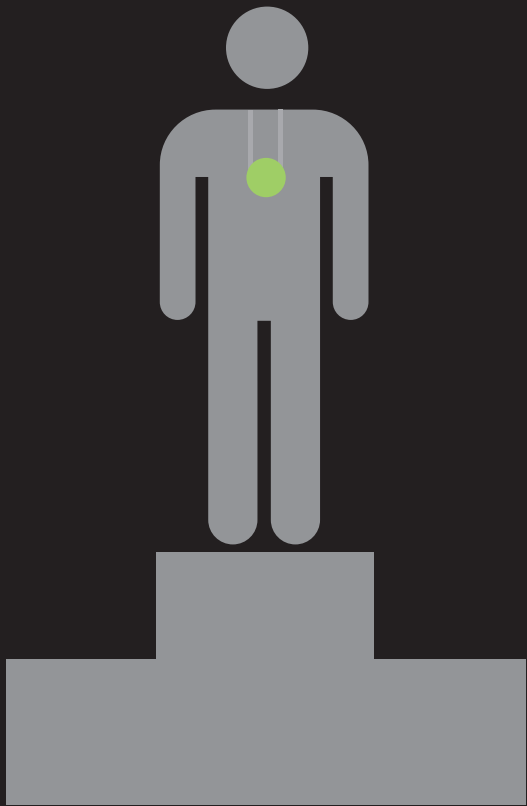
"These folks have faced some terrible losses and I'm surprised there aren't more fatalities, based upon looking at some of the damage," Beebe said.

The tornado battered most of the homes in the Quail Hollow subdivision of Vilonia, leaving many without a roof. A wooden fence could be seen sticking out of the top one house.



People walk on a road in Vilonia, Ark. on Tuesday after a tornado hit the area late Monday. The storm system killed at least seven people, including three who drowned in floods in northwest Arkansas.

Danny Johnston  
Associated Press



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## OVERVIEW:

## Invitation only

There are massive inefficiencies and areas for cost-savings within Texas higher education. They aren't in research budgets. They aren't in ethnic studies departments. They come from some of the offices that are trying to tell us such inefficiencies don't exist.

Last August, the Goldwater Institute published a study entitled "Administrative Bloat at American Universities" that criticized colleges and universities for the skyrocketing increases in spending on administrative and other non-educational areas over the last 15 years. The study found that at UT, the average salary for administrators was \$123,136, compared to \$85,910 for faculty.

In response to the report, the UT System office published its own comments on the findings last December. The System's report extolled that, although the System's administrative costs had drastically increased over the studied period, they increased at a slower rate than the national average. Interestingly enough, one of the worst offenders was Arizona State University, the same college upon which the current batch of Regents place so much esteem. ASU increased the number of administrators per student by 94 percent over the same period.

However, this type of "we're bad but not as bad as them" mentality is little more than a finger-pointing contest in a hand-in-the-sand attempt to ignore one of the crucial issues facing higher education in this country.

The office of the UT System oversees the nine universities and six medical and health centers that comprise the UT System. Last year, the System offices employed 752 people whose job, according to the System's website, is "to add value on behalf of the UT academic institutions by undertaking certain central responsibilities that result in greater efficiency or higher quality." Among those employees are a plethora of executive chancellors, vice chancellors and assistant and associate chancellors, 32 of who draw a six-figure salary. All in all, 130 system employees earn more than \$100,000 a year.

Furthermore, there is significant overlap in the duties of the System's various offices and those of the individual universities. The System employs its own staff, for matters such as payroll, information technology and budgeting. Here at UT, we already pay administrators and staff to do essentially the same jobs.

That's not to say that universities don't need some degree of business acumen within their administrations. But at what point do those hired to make this University more efficient become a source of inefficiency themselves?

Perhaps the most interesting salary statistic is that the System's 751 employees cost the state \$56,047,537 last year in payroll. The total decrease in state funding the University will experience, depending on which version of the state budget in finally passed, will be between \$51 and \$63 million.

Last February, the Board of Regents hired Rick O'Donnell and although most of the controversy has revolved around O'Donnell's proposed reforms, not enough attention has been given to the fact that, while supposedly coping with paralyzing budget cuts, the Regents thought it expedient to create a new high-salary position. Paying a "special adviser" \$200,000 to push a political agenda at a time when faculty is being laid off and financial aid is being cut is inexcusable. O'Donnell's salary vastly surpassed the school's funding for the Center for East Asian Studies, the Humanities Institute or the Center for Eastern European Studies, all of which had their university funding entirely cut for next year. Or it could have paid for 20 one-year scholarships, which would be sorely appreciated given the anticipated cuts to TEXAS Grants by the state Legislature. Or rather, it would have paid for 20 scholarships this year. The Regents are likely to raise tuition and fees for next year because, after all, times are tough and we all have to make little sacrifices.

There's no problem with having a discussion about the future of UT and the other six universities within the system. In the future, there may come a time when "blended online learning" or "results-based contracts" are needed to increase the quality of education offered by Texas universities. However, the process of implementing those changes needs to involve all relevant stakeholders, including students, faculty, administrators and residents of this state. A single nonvoting student regent does not constitute student input any more than the nine regents appointed by the governor are reflective of this state's 25 million constituents.

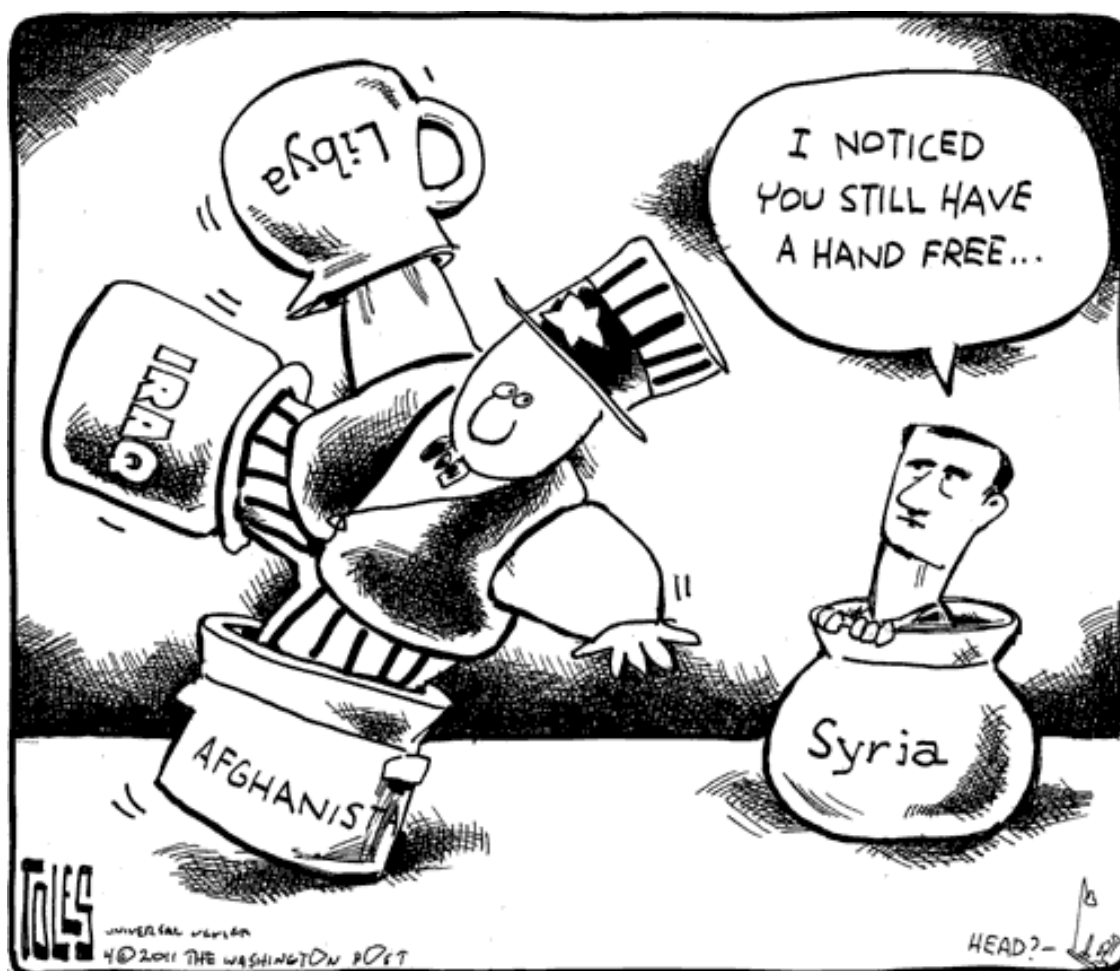
Instead, these "reforms" are being pondered behind closed doors away from the prying eyes of the affected parties, by a Board and System who seem grossly disconnected with the dollar-and-cents realities that each decision spawns.

The cuts will continue, and inevitably some parties will be left angry and bitter. But those are debates which should be taking place in the public sphere.

All Texans deserve a seat at the table for this conversation. Unfortunately, when it comes to the Regents and their office, it's invitation only.

— Dave Player for the editorial board

## GALLERY



## Technology vs. productivity

By Jessi Devenyns  
Daily Texan Columnist

Technology can be incredibly useful when integrated into our lives (think UT's new Gmail accounts). It is not, however, always advantageous in a learning environment.

For example, Facebook has become essential in our social lives, but at the same time it can be detrimental to our academic lives. Granted, Facebook is one of the easiest ways to get in contact with another student, and it can be incredibly useful for trading class notes, scheduling meetings and planning parties. Yet, it is precisely that ease of contact that makes Facebook so dangerous to a student's productivity.

In our society it is already nearly impossible to escape one's social circle, and Facebook only adds to this constant contact that is often at the forefront of our minds. Having unlimited contact with

one another, while useful when we need it, detracts from a good learning environment. In a study done by Houghton Mifflin, 44 percent of college students admitted to the computer being their distraction of choice. The computer is not a minor distraction either; the same study showed that students spent and average of 19.2 hours a week on the web. If you are incessantly thinking about what is going on with your friends and refreshing your Facebook page, then you're probably not absorbing your professors' lectures.

Not only is Facebook detrimental to your attention span in class, it also wastes time. In fact, a study done by Psychology Today concluded that 47 percent of online time is spent procrastinating. Students are in college to learn, not to sit in class with the appearance of being dedicated students when their focus is trained on a conversation with a friend or the newest game on Facebook.

The love affair that we have with technology is always with the latest and greatest in innovations, with everyone trying to get a leg up in the competition. Currently, University IT staff are searching for a replacement for Blackboard that will allow for easy, more reliable file transfer and faster communication. Do these requirements sound familiar? Facebook maybe? Many places are already trying to synchronize their electronic communications, including jumping on the social network bandwagon. Should UT? Although it would be potentially useful to have access to professors, assignments, friends and grades all on one website, people need to differentiate between work and play. While we continue to refine our relationship to technology, it is necessary to learn separation. Facebook does not belong in the classroom.

*Devenyns is an English junior.*

## THE FIRING LINE

### In the spirit of W.S. Merwin

On Monday, the Harry Ransom Center hosted a reading by W.S. Merwin, one of the greatest American poets of our time. In addition to being a phenomenal poet, Merwin is also one of the kindest men you will ever meet. There is an anecdote about Merwin that I found to be quite poignant after my experience at the Ransom Center on the evening of his reading.

As told by Heather McHugh, another leading poet in American letters, there was an occasion years ago at a fancy restaurant in which a number of famous poets were meeting for dinner (including both Merwin and McHugh). After the group had been seated and had ordered, one of their fellow poets arrived a bit late and underdressed. The restaurant would not allow the man inside because he did not meet the dress code. Mr. Merwin graciously addressed his fellow poets, insisting that he was not pressuring them into any decision one way or

another, but that he simply refused to eat at a restaurant that refused his friend service. So he stood up and walked out.

The Ransom Center purports to be in the service of art and artists, and I found it particularly unsettling that on the eve of Mr. Merwin's reading, it played the part of the stuffy restaurant with a strict dress code. This semester, the Department of English, along with the Michener Center for Writers, are hosting two of the most important poets in the world today as visiting faculty: Mary Ruefle, author of about a dozen books of poems, the most recent of which won the William Carlos Williams Award; and Tomaz Salamun, arguably the most important European poet alive. I stood in the lobby of the Ransom Center and watched through the glass as both of these poets were denied entrance into the building because of capacity restrictions. I understand that an unprecedented number of people showed up for Merwin's reading, and for that we should all be

grateful. I also understand that the Ransom Center simply isn't built to house the number of people who wanted a chance to see Merwin in person. But it seemed very strange that these two poets, who deserve every ounce of respect and honor that Merwin received, would not even be allowed into the building. If the Ransom Center is serious about supporting artists, extraordinary people like Ruefle and Salamun should not only be allowed into the building, but also given priority access to Merwin, be it with reserved seats or otherwise. I find it unfortunate that the Ransom Center's only priority is given to its donors, as grateful as we are to them.

And as disturbing as the sight was for me, so much so that in the spirit of Merwin I walked out of the event myself, I can only imagine how appalled Merwin would be to know how his friends were treated on the night of his honor.

— Bradley Harrison  
UT graduate student

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# Texas Public Health to survey students on smoke-free UT

**By William James  
Daily Texan Staff**

A vintage trailer covered with 3,000 ashtrays has become an interactive billboard for the city's Live Tobacco-Free Austin campaign.

Today, UT students in the Texas Public Health club will host the city of Austin's "Ashtray-ler" to advertise an online survey students can take to voice their opinions about tobacco use on campus.

In March, Student Government passed a resolution that calls for UT administration to take steps to make the University a tobacco-free campus.

The Texas Public Health club is currently surveying the campus to find out what students think the limits should be.

The resolution asked President William Powers Jr. to create a task force within a seven-year period that will define UT's smoking policy. It also asked Powers to clarify whether there will be designated smoking areas or exemptions for special events.

The Texas Public Health club is currently campaigning for stronger tobacco restrictions on campus than those laid out in the Student Government resolution. However, they are conducting the survey to determine if complete restrictions of tobacco are what students want.

"Our main concern is representing the student voice," Matthew Haviland, the health club's

president said in a press release. "We want to go tobacco free, but we are going to be as progressive as the student body wants us to be."

The Austin/Travis County Health and Human Services Department is also working to eliminate tobacco use in the county, which, according to its website, is the number one cause of preventable death in Austin.

According to University Health Services, the University's 2010 AlcoholEDU survey identified 84 percent of the 7,572 freshman and transfer students as nonsmokers.

Matthew Olson, health representative for UHS, helped SG members Nathan Bunch and Matthew Daley create the resolution SG eventually passed. Olson said nearly 450 universities around the nation have already implemented such policies, but UT would be the largest University to go tobacco-free.

Social work graduate student Emily Mares said the graduate school is working alongside the city of Austin to make the campus and city tobacco-free.

"Studies show most people start smoking in their college years, but if there is a ban on smoking at UT, that will reduce the exposure students have to cigarettes and will hopefully reduce the number of students who begin smoking in college," Mares said.

Mares said they hope to get at least 3,000 students to respond to the survey, which is available at the Tobacco Free Texas website.

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Ryan Smith and Mary Kang | Daily Texan Staff

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## NEWS BRIEFLY

**Senators seek border study, stronger immigration laws**

AUSTIN — State Senators want members of Congress to study how much it would cost to fully enforce border and immigration laws in Texas.

In a resolution passed 30-1 on Tuesday, the Texas Senate wants to send a delegation to Washington to get the answers from federal officials and lawmakers.

Republican Sen. Tommy Williams complained that the federal government is not doing enough to secure the border and to deal with illegal immigration.

The resolution will now go to the Texas House for consideration.

**Tornado touchdown, storms leave trouble across Texas**

DALLAS — Funnel clouds and at least one tornado menaced parts of North and East Texas on Tuesday as severe thunderstorms struck the area for the second consecutive day.

A funnel cloud touched down briefly just before 5 p.m. Tuesday near the town of Mabank, about 50 miles southeast of Dallas, and moved over nearby Cedar Creek Lake. There were no immediate reports of damage and injuries.

Authorities were still surveying the damage left by the weak twisters just south of Dallas when tornado warnings were issued Tuesday evening for the same areas.

**Perry warns of draining cash, guards state Rainy Day Fund**

AUSTIN — Texas Gov. Rick Perry says a natural disaster could wipe out cash reserves and warned against tapping the state's Rainy Day Fund to make up a huge budget shortfall.

Perry said wildfires have already strained emergency response funds. If a hurricane were to hit Texas now, he said the state could suffer a huge financial blow. The comments were more proof that Perry is dead set against using money from the multi-billion dollar Rainy Day Fund to soften the blow from staggering budget cuts.

—Compiled from Associated Press reports

# Women best men in advanced degrees

**By Hope Yen  
The Associated Press**

WASHINGTON — For the first time, American women have passed men in gaining advanced college degrees as well as bachelor's degrees, part of a trend that is helping redefine who goes off to work and who stays home with the kids.

Census figures released Tuesday highlight the latest education milestone for women, who began to exceed men in college enrollment in the early 1980s. The findings come amid record shares of women in the workplace and a steady decline in stay-at-home mothers.

The educational gains for women are giving them greater access to a wider range of jobs, contributing to a shift of traditional gender roles at home and work. Based

on one demographer's estimate, the number of stay-at-home dads who are the primary caregivers for their children reached nearly 2 million last year, or one in 15 fathers. The official census tally was 154,000, based on a narrower definition that excludes those working part-time or looking for jobs.

"The gaps we're seeing in bachelor's and advanced degrees mean that women will be better protected against the next recession," said Mark Perry, an economics professor at the University of Michigan-Flint who is a visiting scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank. "Men now might be the ones more likely to be staying home, doing the more traditional child rearing."

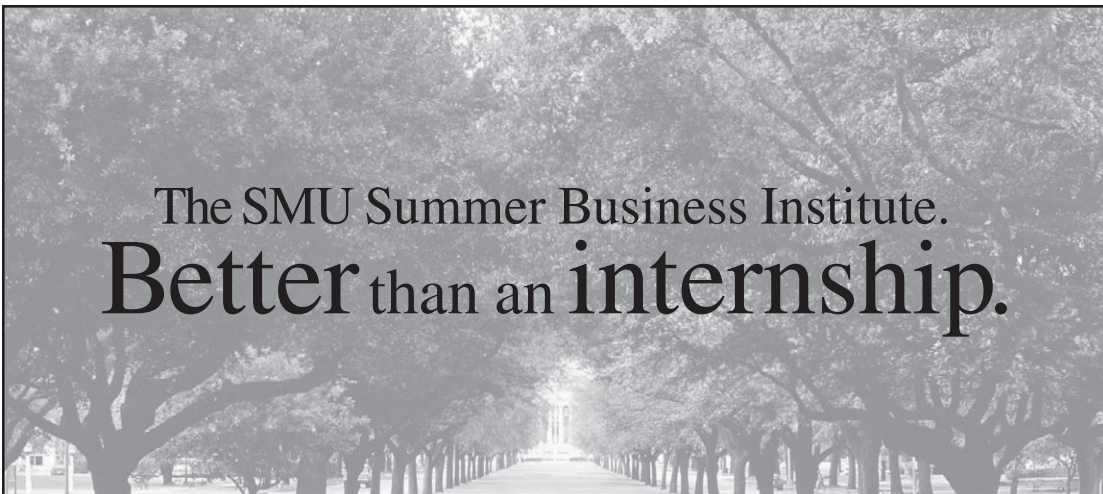
Among adults 25 and older, 10.6 million U.S. women have master's

degrees or higher, compared to 10.5 million men. Measured by shares, about 10.2 percent of women have advanced degrees compared to 10.9 percent of men — a gap steadily narrowing in recent years. Women still trail men in professional subcategories such as business, science and engineering.

When it comes to finishing college, roughly 20.1 million women have bachelor's degrees, compared to nearly 18.7 million men — a gap of more than 1.4 million that has remained steady in recent years. Women first passed men in bachelor's degrees in 1996.



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## Texas scraps its way to win over Bobcats with late rally

By **Trey Scott**  
Daily Texan Staff

It was an ominous start to Sam Stafford's night on the mound.

The junior, just three days removed from his first loss of the year Saturday at Kansas, threw the first pitch of the game for a ball. For the second pitch, he threw another one. The third pitch brought the same result. Quickly, Stafford was down in the count, 3-0, to Texas State's leadoff batter Tyler Sibley.

And that's when he began to fight back.

The lefthander gunned a fast-ball down the inner half of the plate for his first strike, and then he did it again to draw the count full. Sibley fouled off the next pitch, then watched the third strike rip right past



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Paul Montalbano reaches base during the Longhorns 2-0 victory Tuesday at home against Texas State. His triple put Texas ahead for good.

## Weiss tries his hand at second base

By **Jon Parrett**  
Daily Texan Staff

Erich Weiss has played third base and left field this year for Texas, but hasn't played second base since his senior year of high school. That changed Tuesday night, when the freshman filled in for usual starter Jordan Etier at second base during the Longhorns' 2-0 win over Texas State.

"It was a little different," Weiss said. "I had to get used to it at first. I was used to third base, so coming

back to second was weird."

Weiss started the year at third base, but with the return of Alex Silver, now primarily plays in left field. Texas head coach Augie Garrido made the move because he wanted to see how well Weiss could field at second, in case he's forced to play the freshman there.

"We wanted to see that in case of an injury, in case it's a move we have to make down the line," Garrido said. "It was a combination of things that gave us an opportunity to play him there."

Weiss started off slow defensively, allowing a routine ground ball get past him in the second inning. But he rebounded as the game progressed, and finished the game with four assists.

"Erich did real well tonight," said first baseman Tant Shepherd. "It's kind of hard being thrown into a position like that. The more positions you can play, it just makes you a better baseball player."



Freshman Erich Weiss heads to second base during a 2-0 win for Texas on Tuesday. Weiss scored the game's first run in the sixth inning.

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### WOMEN'S TRACK AND FIELD

## Horns looking to build on Texas Relays success

By **Will Anderson**  
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns found success at the Texas Relays in Austin from April 6 to 9, one of the biggest and most important annual track meets in the American Southwest.

Now they head to Philadelphia today for the historically significant Penn Relays, another event that's always circled on the calendars of college coaches.

The first Penn Relays were held on April 21, 1895, forty years before the first Texas Relays. The Pennsylvania event is now the longest-running uninterrupted collegiate track meet in the country.

The event averages one race every five minutes during 33 hours of competition, and this year expects more than 22,000 entries.

Texas is no stranger to the Penn Relays: The program's nine



Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan file photo

Danielle Dowie takes the turn during the 2011 Clyde Littlefield Texas Relays. The Longhorns head to Philadelphia today for the Penn Relays.

1,600-meter relay titles is the most in the history of the event, and the school's 1985 1,600-meter relay team still holds the meet record with a time of 3 minutes,

27.64 seconds.

Texas leaders, including juniors Angele Cooper and Stacey-Ann

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### MEN'S GOLF

## Longhorns sliding down leaderboard at championship

By **Nick Cremona**  
Daily Texan Staff

The Longhorns have some work to do if they want to claim their fourth Big 12 title. Texas dropped one spot to third place at the conclusion of the third round of the conference tournament in Hutchinson, Kan., on Tuesday.

Texas heads into tomorrow's final round and the last 18 holes trailing leader Oklahoma State by 17 strokes. As a team, the Cowboys shot 10-under on Tuesday while the Longhorns

went 4-over in the third round. They are still in prime position to make a run in the final round today at 22-over for the tournament, just five strokes behind Texas A&M at 17-over.

Oklahoma State's Morgan Hoffmann is in the lead for the individual crown at 3-under overall.

Texas sophomore Julio Vegas still sits in a tie for fourth place after he fired a 2-over in round three, putting him at 3-over for

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### SOFTBALL

UTSA 1, No. 3 TEXAS 2

## Thom scores winning run in extra innings thriller

By **Chris Hummer**  
Daily Texan Staff

Extra innings are where teams show their mental toughness and mettle on the diamond; the Longhorns showed theirs prevailing in the eighth inning 2-1 over UTSA.

"Our team has so much heart, I have so much confidence in our team, our pitchers have confidence in our team that no matter what we're going to pull it out — we just have the heart and the confidence in ourselves that we can do it," said freshman Taylor Thom.

Texas went into the bottom of the eighth tied up with UTSA, and

when it needed to the offense finally woke up.

Thom started off the inning with a single straight up the middle into center field to get the rally going. Then Amy Hooks came up big with a single of her own into right field, and both runners were advanced to second and third, respectively, on a Nadia Taylor sacrifice bunt. Torie Schmidt was the next hitter for the team and, as it turned out, the last one the Longhorns needed. She hit a ground-er to the second baseman who was



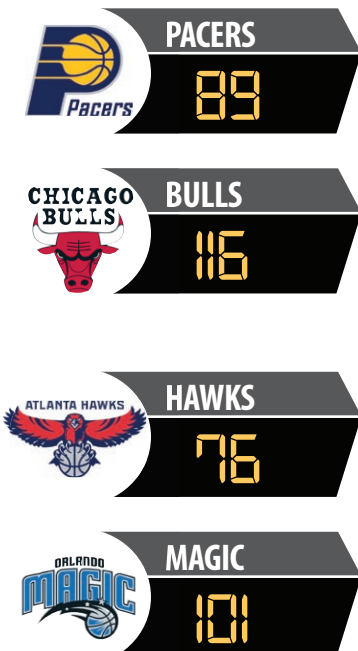
I-Hwa Cheng | Daily Texan Staff

Freshman righthander Rachel Fox pitches during the Longhorns' 2-1 win Tuesday against UTSA. Fox struck out a career-high 13 batters in eight innings of work.

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### SIDELINE

#### NBA PLAYOFFS



#### WHAT TO WATCH

Grizzlies @ Spurs



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#### Men's Golf Standings Big 12 Championship

1	Oklahoma State	+5
2	Texas A&M	+17
3	<b>Texas</b>	<b>+22</b>
4	Texas Tech	+26
5	Oklahoma	+27
6	Missouri	+38
7	Kansas	+39
T8	Nebraska	+46
T8	Baylor	+46
10	Colorado	+51
T11	Kansas State	+60
T11	Iowa State	+60

#### SPOTLIGHT

##### BLAIRE LUNA, #12



**Position:**  
Pitcher  
**Class:**  
Sophomore  
**Hometown:**  
Austin, TX

Blair Luna was named Big 12 Pitcher of the Week after pitching two complete games, including one shutout, for a pair of Texas victories. Luna struck out 23 batters in only 17 innings of work. The Austin native also made a relief appearance, inheriting a 4-1 deficit to pitch the Longhorns into the win column and silencing the Texas Tech bats for five innings. This is the fourth time Luna has received the award this season and the seventh of her career.

##### COURTNEY CRAIG, #25



**Position:**  
Designated Player  
**Class:**  
Junior  
**Hometown:**  
Oceanside, CA

Courtney Craig was named Big 12 Player of the Week after sparking the Texas offense and leading the team to four wins. The junior was locked in at the plate and hit .592 during the four game stretch—she had more than one hit in each game. Craig drove in seven runs for the Longhorns and had a .692 on-base percentage while extending her hitting streak to a season-best eight games. It was the first time Craig received the award.



WOMEN'S GOLF



Courtesy of The Associated Press  
Rebecca Lee-Bentham takes a shot during a recent tournament for the Longhorns. The freshman will get her first taste of the NCAA tournament when Texas travels to South Bend, Ind., as the No. 6 seed in the Central Regional.

# UT is sixth seed at NCAA tourney

By Stephanie Yarbrough  
Daily Texan Staff

Seedings for the regional round of the NCAA tournament were announced Monday, and Texas was rewarded for its Big 12 Championship and performance throughout the season with a No. 6 seed in the 2011 Central Regional, which begins May 5 in South Bend, Ind.

The regional, hosted by No. 9 seed Notre Dame, boasts some of

the country's top teams, including UCLA, Duke, LSU and Arkansas — all of which are currently in the top 15 in the most recent Golf-week poll.

Texas already faced UCLA previously this season at The Battle of Rancho Bernardo, where the Longhorns finished tied for eighth with a cumulative score of 50-over compared to the Bruins' third-place finish at 23-over.

Texas is not the only Big 12 team

represented at the regional championship — Oklahoma State also got a bid as the 16th-ranked seed.

This marks the fourth-consecutive postseason appearance by Texas under the direction of head coach Martha Richards and is the 26th overall appearance for the program. Last year, the Longhorns made it all the way to the NCAA championship tournament for the third-consecutive season, finishing 16th out of 24 teams.

The regional will be played at the Warren Golf Course, a par-71 6,744 yard course next to the Notre Dame main campus.

The top eight teams at the regional tournament automatically qualify for the 2011 NCAA women's golf championship May 18 to 21 at the Traditions Club in College Station. In addition, the top two individuals at Indiana who do not qualify for nationals with a team will also make it to the finals.

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him for the first out of the game.

Stafford's first-inning triumph was a microcosm of No. 7 Texas' 2-0 win over the Bobcats (25-15) Tuesday night: No matter how many bad pitches the Longhorns throw, or how many runners they leave on base, or however many great plays the other team makes, this team seems to always find a way to come out on top.

Through five innings, Texas (31-10) put on a clinic on how to leave runners stranded on base and throw away precious outs.

Jacob Felts and Mark Payton hit safely in the third inning and Tant Shepherd struck out swinging to end the frame. Paul Montalbano got on base via a walk in the fourth, then was caught stealing. Jonathan Walsh doubled to lead off the fifth inning and Alex Silver drew a walk, but Felts bunted into a rare 5-6-3 double play to squander Texas' scoring chance.

"Texas State played a brilliant defensive game," said head coach Augie Garrido. "Their timing, matchups, executions were all right."

Shepherd began the sixth with a single to right field, but a poor sacrifice bunt attempt by Erich Weiss had Shepherd thrown out at second. With Weiss on first, Montalbano smacked a fastball right over the plate to right-center field; long enough for a triple, bringing Weiss

home from first and giving the Longhorns' the run had been eluding them.

"That's the best ball I've hit since I've been here," Montalbano said. "I'm not really a power hitter, so when I swing for the fences, the coaches get on to me. But he [Texas] works: When in doubt, go power," he joked.

By the time the Longhorns had put their second and final run on the board in the eighth inning — a bloop single to shallow right field off the bat of Walsh to score Shepherd — Stafford's day was long done. Because of the 54 pitches he had thrown against Kansas, Garrido and pitching coach Skip Johnson didn't want to test the limits of Stafford's arm, and pulled him after three innings.

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as State pitcher Lee Colon] left the ball over the plate, and I was able to put a good swing on it and find the gap."

It is unusual when Texas has to rely on power hitting to win games — Garrido likes to tailor his offense around bunting and small-ball principles.

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Weiss knew Monday that he was going to start at second base, so he practiced taking ground balls on the day off. He worked on double plays before the game, but it still was a transition.

"It was a little shaky at first but I got into it pretty fast," Weiss said.

He also struggled offensively, striking out on a check-swing during his first at-bat. He unsuccessfully attempted to lay down a sac bunt in the sixth inning, but reached first base on a fielder's choice. Weiss scored the game-winning run the

next at-bat, reaching home on Paul Montalbano's triple to right field.

"They had some great defense," Weiss said. "They were smart all around and they knew where to go with bunts, you could tell they practice it all the time."

Weiss attempted another sac bunt in the seventh inning, Bobcat pitcher Jeff McVane let it roll down the first base line and stop, resulting in a single for Weiss.

"I squared around before he even started his wind up, but I guess I placed it pretty good," Weiss said.

The hit extends the freshman's hitting streak to thirteen games, the longest of the season for any Texas player. Weiss finished the game 1-for-4 with one run.

"I just try to help the team win," he said. "I wasn't even trying to get a hit."

Garrido said it's unlikely he'll play Weiss at second base again this season, which is just fine by the freshman.

"Third base is probably my favorite," Weiss said. "They're all great, as long as I get to play."

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playing deep and could not get the throw home in time; Thom was breaking for the plate on contact and scored just in time.

"We knew we would win it, we just had to string together some hits, and we did it in the last inning," Taylor said.

Despite the win, Texas seemed to struggle throughout the game to make solid contact on all three of the UTSA pitchers, especially the starter Danyé Holmes. Holmes only gave up one run and three hits in the first five innings — the run she gave up was unearned.

"We could have made better adjustment off of Holmes, and we didn't make quite as good as adjustments as we have in the past. She threw a good game," said Texas head coach Connie Clark.

After Holmes left the game the team continued to struggle a little until the eighth, when they were finally able to push across the winning run. Part of this struggle at the plate can be attributed to the fact that Texas was a bit fatigued after a long trip back from Lubbock on the weekend and the quick turnaround for this game. The struggle is particularly evi-

dent when you look at the numbers at the plate: The Longhorns had 18 hits in both games against Tech, but against a weaker team on paper in UTSA they only managed six, with two of those coming in extra innings.

"These mid-week games are definitely a grind, after coming off a long weekend of traveling, and then coming back out here to play UTSA, it's a gut check," Thom said.

However the pitching staff, in the form of Rachel Fox, tonight continued to shine. She scattered seven hits, most of them bloopers, along with striking out a career high 13 batters. Her only run allowed in the game was a bit of a soft one two, as UTSA scored on a throwing error.

"I was disappointed by the little bloop hits they got, I'm not really used to seeing seven hits on the scoreboard, and the off-speed was working," Fox said. "We were deceiving the batters and it was just an overall good night."

Texas will look to carry over the momentum they gained from in this game into a tough road test in Waco against the 17th-ranked Baylor Bears.

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Smith, freshman Danielle Dowie, senior Chantel Malone, turned in strong performances at the Texas Relays and will look to perform well in the fourth-to-last event of the season.

Cooper and Dowie won first and third places, respectively, in the 400-meter hurdles on Sunday of the Texas Relays. Texas relay teams also took third in the 400-meter relay, the 800-meter relay and the 1,600-meter relay on the final day.

The last time out, at the Michael Johnson Classic during the weekend in Waco, Texas took just one track event (the 1,500 meter) and one field event (the high jump).

**2011 PENN RELAYS**  
**Date:** Today  
**Time:** All day event  
**Place:** Franklin Field (Philadelphia, Penn.)

Texas athletes will participate in many of the events. While none of the Longhorns will compete in Wednesday's heptathlon, the team hopes to start strong on Thursday in events including the 400-meter hurdles, the 400-meter relay, the 1,600-meter relay and the 5,000-meter race.

## SPORTS BRIEFLY

### Texas volleyball schedule features tough opponents

The Texas volleyball team released its 2011 schedule Tuesday, highlighted by nine opponents that played in the 2010 national tournament.

The Longhorns face both Minnesota and Penn State in their non-conference season. They lost to Penn State 3-0 in a national semifinal last year. The last time the team faced Minnesota was in a 2009 NCAA semifinal, which Texas won 3-0.

Texas has faced the Nittany Lions in each of the last two NCAA tournaments, losing both times by a combined score of 6-2. This marks the first time the Longhorns will meet Penn State in the regular season since 2007.

Texas begins its conference schedule versus Kansas at home on Sept. 24.

— Will Anderson

### 2011 TEXAS VOLLEYBALL NOTABLE OPPONENTS

Aug. 26	Mississippi
Sept. 2 & 3	@Minnesota
Sept. 9 & 10	Florida
	Stanford
	Penn State
Sept. 16	UTSA
Sept. 28	@Oklahoma
Oct. 1	@Iowa St.
Oct. 22	Missouri
Oct. 28	Iowa St.
Nov. 19	@Missouri
Nov. 26	Oklahoma

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the event.

Senior Bobby Hudson and junior Dylan Frittelli didn't move up or down on the individual leaderboard either after they both shot even-par in the third round. The two are currently tied for 11th place at 6-over for the tournament.

It was an up-and-down round for freshman Toni Hakula, as he alternated birdies and bogeys, and finished the day at 2-over. The youngest Longhorn starter is currently 8-over for the tournament and tied for 19th place.

The last Texas starter, sophomore Cody Gribble, fired a 3-over in the third round to drop to 25th on the individual leaderboard. Gribble is 10-over after two days.

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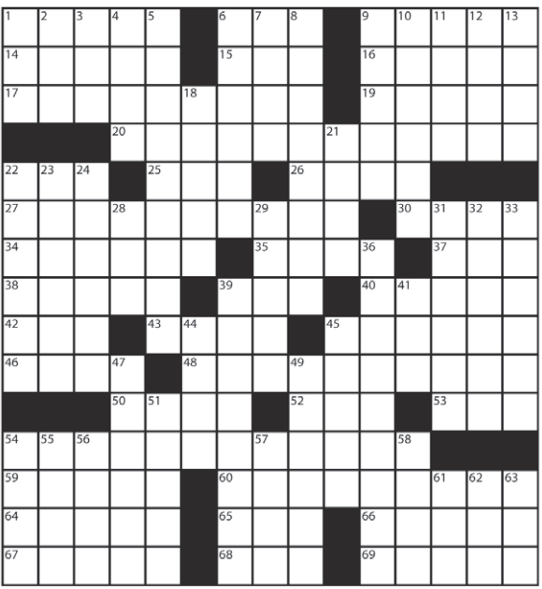
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The New York Times Crossword

Edited by Will Shortz No. 0323

- Across**
- 1 Child's play
  - 6 Guinness Book suffix
  - 9 Fountain items
  - 14 "His/her" alternative
  - 15 Cue preceder
  - 16 "Parting word
  - 17 Site of Super Bowl XXVI
  - 19 Like most urban land
  - 20 "Soiree attire
  - 22 Modern rock genre
  - 25 Brown wall covering
  - 26 Mathematician Turing
  - 27 "Indelible picture in the mind
  - 30 Starchy foodstuff
  - 34 Onetime exam in British schools
  - 35 Not spoil
  - 37 Hip, in the mid-'60s
  - 38 Actress Allen of "Raiders of the Lost Ark"
  - 39 "My dear \_\_\_\_"
  - 40 Like the service academies
  - 42 Doom
  - 43 It may have a square in the middle
  - 45 Seem to last forever
  - 46 Opportunity, metaphorically
  - 48 "Bandmate of Johnny Rotten
  - 50 Ancient land in modern Jordan
  - 52 Book after Galatians: Abbr. e.g.: Abbr.
  - 53 Jeanne d'Arc, e.g.: Abbr.
  - 54 Speaker of the Latin quote hidden in the answers to the starred clues ... and the English-language quote hidden in the answers to the double-starred clues
  - 59 Half-witted
  - 60 City of Invention
  - 64 "Sojourn
  - 65 Chart type
  - 66 "Social grouping
  - 67 Prefix with centric
  - 68 It may turn up at a golf course
  - 69 See 1-Down
- Down**
- 1 Device with a 69-Across key
  - 2 "\_\_\_\_ walks in beauty, like the night ...": Byron
  - 3 Rear of a hockey goal
  - 4 Suffix with zillion
  - 5 Forward-thinking, in a way
  - 6 The Earl of Sandwich, for one
  - 7 Hard-to-park vehicle
  - 8 One sexting, maybe
  - 9 RX-8 carmaker
  - 10 Embellishes
  - 11 y = 3x + 5 representation, e.g.
  - 12 Concert souvenirs
  - 13 Head
  - 18 Participant in a Faustian bargain
  - 21 Merriment
  - 22 Called to mind
  - 23 Home to da Vinci's "L'Ultima Cena"
  - 24 Exaggerate
  - 41 China's Chou En-\_\_\_\_
  - 44 Spanish bears
  - 45 Souse
  - 47 Check
  - 49 Went off at an angle
  - 51 On account of
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  - 56 Pirate's punishment
  - 57 Sony co-founder Morita
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Puzzle by Will Nediger

28 "\_\_\_\_ got it!"

29 One of \_\_\_\_

31 Buds

32 Was released

33 Danish city where Hans Christian Andersen was born

36 Possibly

39 Some pool attire

41 China's Chou En-\_\_\_\_

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Above, Herrera, who says he works with “earth, wind, fire and water” in the shop, feels a connection with the metal when he forges instead of using machinery. Right, Louis Herrera handles a hot strip of metal before shaping it to fit into a custom iron ornament.



# IRON ARTISTRY

**Metal worker continues tradition by molding ornamental art in classic style at historic shop**

## COMIC BOOK REVIEW

### Comic anthology shows emerging talent

By Ao Meng  
Daily Texan Staff

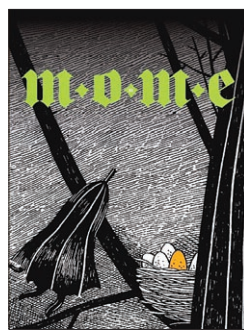
“Mome 21,” the penultimate issue in editor Eric Reynolds’ impressive run of quarterly, full-color anthologies, is a strong argument for the series’ artistic continuation with the upcoming end to the series with “Mome 22” this summer.

The tightly curated quarterly was billed originally as a vehicle for emerging talents to show off their skills in high-quality color.

“For [Fantagraphics Books,] a company with finite resources, four volumes a year of a mostly full-color book ultimately means that there are around four other books that aren’t being published in a given year,” Reynolds said in an interview for Tom Spurgeon’s news blog, The Comics Reporter. “Not to mention fathering a child since MOME was born, I’m ready for a change.”

“Mome 21” bats a good average, with many stories hitting their mark and a few clearing the fences. Sixteen stories are included in this volume, four of them new chapters in longer works featured in previous “Mome” volumes.

Viennese cartoonist Nicolas Mahler’s (“Lone Racer,” “Van Helsing’s Night Off”) Herzogian tale about his attempts to create, or at least finish, a state-funded animated feature film is a great highlight. Mahler’s distinctive cactus-like characters are intrinsically comical. As the cartoonist struggles to write, cast, di-



**Mome 21**  
Eric Reynolds

**Genre:** General Fiction  
**Pages:** 120 color  
**Web:** fantagraphics.com

**Grade:** B

rect and finally animate his adaptation of one of his own comic strips, Mahler humorously illustrates what can happen when one buys into something way over their head.

Immediately attention grabbing is Steve Weissman’s (“YIKES!,” “Chewing Gum in Church”) contribution, “Barack Hussein Obama.” An erratically updated webcomic serialized on Weissman’s website *sweetchubby.blogspot.com*, the four panel gag strip stars the 44th President of the United States, his family and other notable fixtures of his administration. In one comic, Obama wistfully watches a storm surge in a quiet moment between meetings. “I’m a strong swimmer,” he says to an anxious Joe Biden. “I think, with a crash helmet, maybe a vest and some Vicodin, I could ride this all the way to the ocean.” This comic isn’t afraid to get weird and builds humorous private characterizations of these ridiculously public figures.

Horror comics superstar Josh

Simmons (“House,” “Batman” and the incredibly graphic “Cockbone”) actually has two comics in this issue; the ongoing “The White Rhinoceros,” serialized in microscopic parts since issue 19, and “Mutant,” a short, standalone story that exists on the knife-edge of terrible violence. The latter, drawn in stark black and white, is unquestionably the stronger piece. It’s a slice of what Simmons does best — gritty, atmospheric, frantic dread.

Shorter pieces from Sara Edward-Corbett (earlier issues of Mome, “Pood”), Tom Kaczynski (“Trans-” series, “Cartoon Dialectics”) and Dash Shaw (“Body World,” “The Und clothed Man in the 35th Century A.D.”) are all winners.

“Mome” plays a unique role in the world of North American alternative comics. It’s one of the only long-form, regularly published comics anthologies out there, providing a vision of novelty and variety for the future of literary comics. When the series concludes later this year, a chapter in comics history will have closed.

*Editor’s Note: This is the second installment of a three-part series profiling artisans who work with their hands.*

## IN GOOD HANDS

By Amber Genuske

The sharp clang of metal against metal rings out of Herrera’s Ornamental Iron Works on a humid afternoon in April. Inside the shop, owner Louis Herrera shapes a strip of iron into a point. He muscled a hammer with his hands to

mold the red-hot element, then dips it into a basin of water with a sizzle to harden it back to its original state.

“I work with all elements: earth, wind, fire and water,” Herrera says. “This is the easier part for me actually — working with my hands.”

Herrera uses traditional metal working techniques, known as forging, to create custom ornamental ironwork — from wall sconces to entire railings on mansions in West Lake.

Forging is the process of heating iron to around 2,000 degrees in a bed of pre-cooked coal known as coke and shaping the metal with a hammer, an anvil and various

other tools.

“I feel more connected [to the metal when I forge],” he says. “It’s really labor intensive but you are creating something more. You are sticking it in the fire and hammering it and that’s originally how it was made hundreds of years ago when they didn’t have machinery like we do today.”

The Spanish surname Herrera is the equivalent of the English surname, Smith — both originated from trades of which families of the past specialized in. While Smith comes from legions of blacksmiths, Herreras traditionally mas-

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